



TRAVEL ADVISORY

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Here is the current travel information regarding SARS. Singapore was removed from the Advisory list and added to the Alert list.

The World Health Organization (WHO) and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) are two respected organizations currently involved in the SARS outbreak. Here are their current travel advisories/alerts:

CDC

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CDC advises that people planning elective or nonessential travel to Taiwan, mainland China or Hong Kong may wish to postpone their trips until further notice.

ALERT

CDC further recommends that U.S. travelers to Toronto, Singapore, or Hanoi, Vietnam observe precautions to safeguard their health. This includes avoiding settings where SARS is most likely to be transmitted, such as health-care facilities caring for SARS patients. Also, travelers should wash their hands frequently with soap and water; if hands are not visibly soiled, alcohol-based hand rubs may be used as an alternative. CDC does not recommend postponing travel to these areas at this time.

WHO

ADVISORY

As a result of ongoing assessments as to the nature of outbreaks of SARS, WHO is now recommending, as a measure of precaution, that persons planning to travel to Beijing, Hong Kong, or the Guangdong or Shanxi Provinces of China consider postponing all but essential travel.

The travel advice varies between the two organizations. Travel advice is changing rapidly. We will continue to update you on changes as they are made.

For further information, please call your local health department, the Utah Department of Health, Office of Epidemiology at (801) 538-6191, or visit www.health.utah.gov/epi/sars, www.cdc.gov, or www.who.int